Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Gerald and Ruth Ann Johnson exchanged their wedding vows on June 26, 1955, in Iroquois, South Dakota, promising to share their lives and love together for the rest of their days; and,

Whereas, The newly-wed couple of 50 years ago has been replaced by two devoted partners who have shared life's beauty and sorrow, and have grown to love one another more because of their common journey; and,

Whereas, Gerald is the founder of A-G-E Corporation, and Ruth Ann worked for the state of South Dakota, the United States Post Office and operated her own business; and,

Whereas, Gerald and Ruth Ann are the parents of three children: Gary, Barbara, and Paula, and were blessed with six grandchildren; and,

Whereas, Through their lifelong dedication to the values of caring and sharing, Gerald and Ruth Ann have helped make South Dakota a great place to live and work; and,

Whereas, It is altogether fitting and proper that the Governor of South Dakota recognizes and commemorates the memorable milestones in the lives of the state's outstanding citizens:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 26, 2005, as

GERALD AND RUTH ANN JOHNSON DAY

in South Dakota, and I join with the honored couple's family and friends in wishing them continued health and happiness in a state that stands prouder today because of their contributions and commitment.

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In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-second Day of June in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Five.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State